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GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY

16 January 2001

5:00 PM

** NRL Bldg. 72 **

(New Location)

DOOR
PRIZES

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and is a member of the Blue Ridge Ski Council

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the last SkiBlast the club has had quite a successful month. The holiday party was lots of fun and we had a great turnout in spite of the snow. Plenty of food, drink and prizes were provided by the club and the fun gift exchange was a huge success. The new meeting place in the Training Room of Bldg. 72 worked out very well – the room was larger and more convenient, being outside the security gate.

Our first one-day ski trip of the season, to Seven Springs on Dec. 20, was fantastic. We had a full bus for the first time that I can remember for the first trip of the season. The mountain was totally open and the conditions were good. A reporter and photographer from the Washington Times newspaper came along. There will be an article on our club in the Jan. 18 issue. Thanks to Paul Boran and Joan Dalton for running such a great trip.

36 skiers celebrated the New Year at Seven Springs on a three day trip, Dec. 29 – Jan. 1. I was told that even though it was cold the skiing was great. Susan Piatt and Denise Elliott did a fine job running this trip.

Mike Asbery and Denise Elliott then took a bus load of skiers to Blue Knob on Jan. 4, featuring Ski Chalet's demo day. All the trails were open. It was cold, but not too cold, and in the morning the conditions were great, but it got a little icy later on in the day. A lot of our skiers demo-ed the new skis. I love Blue Knob with its long runs. Mike and Denise ran a great trip – I liked their selection of "Chicken Run" for the movie on the ride home.

All of our week long trips – Big Sky, Sunday River and Grindelwald, Switzerland are ready to go. Remember you must be a member in order to go on any of our long trips.

This is Dave Roberts saying – THINK SNOW!

Dave

ODDS & ENDS

This column is for your use. It can be used to sell items, advertise for items wanted, announce births, engagements, marriages, deaths, etc., or anything else you feel would be of interest to the general membership. Simply send your notice to: marciashepherd@aol.com. MSWord format is preferred. If you do not have access to e-mail, please forward typed copy to:

Marcia Shepherd
9505 Fairway Manor Terrace, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Items must be received by the first Friday of each month for inclusion in that month's issue.

For Sale: Skis - K2 model EETS, 7.8 mm sidecut, 195 cm length, Tyrolia 560 bindings. Solomon boots, model SX61, adjustable men's size 9-10. 10 years old, good condition, \$100 for the package OBO. Contact John Seely, john.seely@nrl.navy.mil, (202)767-3529.

For Sale: Rossignol 750 skis (185 cm length); Price \$50. Technica Boots, size 8 ½; price \$15. Call Mary Ann Cob, (301)283-4096.

CLUB POLICY

The price for the one-day trips is based on group rate lift tickets (most resorts require at least 20 people for group rate) plus the price of the bus. The current per person rate for the bus has been set by the Board at \$22 for members. This is based on the price of the bus as set by the bus company divided by 35 people. Since the bus company charges varying amounts for the bus depending on the distance of the resort, the Board has determined this is a good average. Therefore, in order for the trip to pay for itself there must be at least 35 people signed up. Of course, there have been many trips in the past that have gone with far less than 35 participants, resulting in a substantial monetary loss on the part of the club. It is the feeling of the Board, however, that it is better to run a trip at a loss than to cancel it totally. Therefore, the club allows a trip to go if the loss is no more than \$250. This loss is covered in part by your dues, and in part by monies collected on trips that have more than the minimum participants.

Payments for one day trips are fully refundable only when the trip is canceled by the club. Should an individual cancel after the sign-up deadline he/she will be held responsible for the transportation portion of the trip cost since the club has committed to pay for the bus based on the number of people signed up. If, however, the individual finds a replacement then all monies will be refunded. Other portions (lift, rentals, lessons) of one day trips are fully refundable.

Deposits/payments for overnight trips are only refundable for that portion of the trip cost for which the club is not liable. Deposits/payments for overnight trips are fully refundable if the club cancels the trip, or the depositor/payee locates another person to replace him/her on the trip.

Bus sign-ups:

Cut-off dates for signing up for one-day trips have been set for the following reasons:

The trip leader must notify the bus company the morning of the day before the trip that we are or are not going. If there are not enough people signed up by then the trip leader must notify the bus company the trip has been canceled, as well as all those who have signed up. Signing up the afternoon before the trip is much too late for the Board to make a go/no-go decision. Consequently, a \$5 penalty has been set for late sign-ups.

On Demo Days the \$2 lift tickets must be picked up by the trip leader at Ski Chalet prior to the date of the trip. Therefore, any sign-ups after these tickets are bought will have to pay full lift ticket price.

Questions on club policies may be directed to any Board Member listed on the front of this Ski Blast.

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held in our new meeting room in Bldg. 72. This was the holiday party and a great time was had by all. There was lots of good food and drink and the annual gag gift exchange. There were many funny gifts (a potato chip puzzle??) and lots of nice gifts (love my

snowman cookie jar – but had to work hard to keep it.) Who has the SSSC fruit cake? Will it re-surface again? This is a terrific party – don't miss it next year.

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE

Remember our new meeting place - the training room in Building 72. Entrance to this meeting room is through the U.S. Post Office door at the front of Bldg. 72. The December meeting was held here and it was very comfortable and easily accessible to non-NRL employees. If you have any questions call any of the Board members who are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

2000-2001 TRIPS

SEVEN SPRINGS NEW YEAR'S BASH

Seven Springs New Years Blast - Everyone had a great time and it's always super when there are no injuries. There were several new and almost new skiers who were very determined to learn the ropes and each was successful. There were 36 gung-ho skiers on this New Year's trip! We had a great group - 12 newbies in 4 family rooms, and 24 who had double rooms. We had a get-acquainted pizza party on Friday night with follow-up apres-ski parties on Saturday and Sunday. There was fresh-fallen snow to greet us when we awoke Saturday morning.

Why not join us next time -

Susan and Denise



BIG SKY, MONTANA

In January 45 Snow Searchers will be flying off to Montana for one week to ski an awesome mountain. This trip is currently filled, but there is always a waiting list. Call Joan Dalton, (202)404-7247 or Paul Boran (202)767-2297.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

February 11-16 is reserved for one week in Sunday River, Maine. This is one of the greatest East Coast mountains around and is always a great time. It is also one of the most affordable one-week trips you will find. This trip is also filled but if you are interested get on the waiting list. Call Susan Piatt, (301)262-5094 or Dave Roberts (202)767-2629.

NOTE: Following the January 16 general meeting there will be a pre-trip party for all participants on this trip. Be sure to attend to get your airline tickets and trip info.

GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND

March brings us to Switzerland - another great trip to Europe. This year SSSC has hooked up with the Blue Ridge Ski Council to bring you a wonderful ski/sightseeing trip. Grindelwald is in the beautiful Jungfrau region of Switzerland and offers wonderful opportunities for sightseeing excursions as well as some of the world's best skiing. The trip includes lodging at the wonderful 4-star Hotel Kreuz und Post Hotel with a daily breakfast buffet. There is also an optional stopover in Paris or Vienna available at the end of the week.

SNOWSHOE, WEST VIRGINIA

Another multiple day trip has been added to the schedule – Snowshoe, West Virginia. This is a 3 night, four day trip running 4 – 7 March 2001. We haven't tried this mountain in some time, and let's face it - it is one of the best mountains in the mid-Atlantic area for variety and length of runs. This is a car pool trip with arrival on Sunday and departure on Wednesday. Accommodations will be studio apartments in the Rimfire Lodge. Each unit has a kitchenette. The Rimfire complex has a sauna and hot tubs available to all occupants. Price of the trip is only \$365 and includes 3 nights at Rimfire Lodge and 4 day lift tickets. Call either Joe MacKrell (202)404-7607 or Marcia Shepherd (301)868-7538 for more info. See the enclosed flyer.

ONE-DAY TRIPS

The enclosed one-day trip schedule says it all - lots of affordable one-day trips at a variety of mid-Atlantic ski resorts. We now have leaders for all trips. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and effort.

The kick-off trip to **Seven Springs** on 20 December was a great success – as usual!! This year we had a full bus. The weather was great – everything was open and we had a chance to try the newly opened slopes on the North Face. Two members of the Washington Times, reporter Chris Toto and photographer Mike O’Conner, came along to do an article on our club for the newspaper. Look for it in the week-end pullout section of the January 18 issue. On this trip we also picked up a member at the Urbana Park & Ride stop – a newly instituted pick-up point – and it worked very well. Thanks to Joan Dalton and Paul Boran for a great trip!

On Thursday, January 4, SSSC descended on **Blue Knob** for a tremendous day of skiing. This was one of Ski Chalet’s demo days, so lift tickets were only \$2. It snowed all day and all slopes were open – even a little powder rather than the normal icy terrain of Blue Knob. Again we had almost a full bus. Kudos to trip leaders Denise Elliott and Mike Asbery for a great job!

By the time this issue of the Ski Blast hits the streets, the club will have been to **Wisp** on 11 January - another Ski Chalet demo day with \$2 lift tickets. This is also our Beginner’s Special. Trip leaders are Denise Elliott, Dave Bowman and Dave Roberts. Hopefully it will be as successful as the past two day trips have been.

The next trip is to **Seven Springs** on 18 January. This is one of our favorite mountains and people are already signing up for this trip. See the enclosed flyer and sign up ASAP. Trip leaders are Dawn Brown (202)767-2957 and Marcia Shepherd (301)868-7538.

Wednesday, January 24 is a car pool trip to **Ski Liberty** run by Jean Drew (703)451-3806 and Dick Hubbard (202)767-2927. If you haven’t been to Ski Liberty in a while you should get up there – it’s really a decent mountain – and so close. Trip flyer is enclosed.

On February 2 Joe MacKrell and Dave Bowman are running a trip to **Blue Mountain** in Pennsylvania. This mountain is a little farther to go, so the bus will leave 15 minutes earlier than normal, but it is worth it. It’s a wonderful place to ski. See the enclosed flyer.

Wintergreen is on the schedule for Wednesday, February 7. We haven’t been to this resort in some years, so are looking forward to trying it again. Denise Elliott and Marcia Shepherd are trip leaders for this one. See enclosed flyer.

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Note again that the bus stop at the Urbana Park and Ride lot is available for many of our trips. If you would like to take advantage of it be sure and contact the trip leader and request a stop there. The bus will only make that stop if someone signs up for a trip and requests it.

Remember, if you drop a check and trip application form in the SSSC box at the Rec Club please inform the trip leader that you have done so. That box is not checked on a regular basis, and you cannot assume that you have been added to the trip unless you speak to one of the trip leaders.

REMEMBER

A CLUB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS MEMBERS

GET INVOLVED!!

2000 SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB 2001

RESORT	DATE	BUS member	BUS non	LIFTS	RENTALS	LESSONS	TRIP LEADERS	TELEPHONE
SEVEN SPRINGS (*)	WED. DEC.,20	22	27	21	11	6	PAUL BORAN JOAN DALTON	W=202-767-2297 H=703-313-8441 W=202-404-7247 H=301-372-1220
SEVEN SPRINGS BLUE KNOB (*) (DEMO DAY)	NEW YEARS DEC. 29 - JAN. 1	\$355 pp/dbl occ.					SUSAN PIATT DENISE ELLIOTT	H=301-262-5094 W=202-404-3749 H=703-660-1069
WISP (*) (DEMO DAY) (BEGINNER SPECIAL)	THUR. JAN.4	22	27	2	15	12	MIKE ASBERY DENISE ELLIOTT	W=202-404-3014 H=301-856-1214 W=202-404-3749 H=703-660-1069
	THUR. JAN.,11	22	27	2	13	12	DAVE ROBERTS DAVID BOWMAN DENISE ELLIOTT	W=202-767-2629 H=703-455-6933 W=202-279-2261 H=703-660-1069 W=202-404-3749 H=703-660-1069
SEVEN SPRINGS(*)	THUR. JAN 18	22	27	21	11	6	MARCIA SHEPHERD DAWN BROWN	H=301-868-7538 W=202-767-2957 H=410-535-6102
BIG SKY MONTANA	JAN. 20 - 27	\$1250 pp/dbl occ.					PAUL BORAN JOAN DALTON	W=202-767-2297 H=703-313-8441 W=202-404-7247 H=301-372-1220
SKI LIBERTY CAR POOL	WED. JAN., 24	N/A	N/A	26			JEAN DREW DICK HUBBARD	H=703-451-3806 W=202-767-2927 H=703-250-0566
BLUE MOUNTAIN	FRI., FEB. 2	22	27	19	15	12	JOE MACKRELL DAVID BOWMAN	W=202-404-7607 H=703-768-8377 W=202-279-2261 H=703-660-1069
WINTERGREEN	WED., FEB. 7	22	27	27	19		MARCIA SHEPHERD DENISE ELLIOTT	H=301-868-7538 W=202-404-3749 H=703-660-1069
SUNDAY RIVER MAINE	FEB. 11 - 16	\$525 pp/dbl occ.					DAVE ROBERTS SUSAN PIATT	W=202-767-2629 H=703-455-6933 H=301-262-5094
WHITE TAIL CAR POOL	THUR., FEB. 15	N/A	N/A	37			PAUL BORAN MIKE ASBERY	W=202-767-2297 H=703-313-8441 W=202-404-3014 H=301-856-1214
SEVEN SPRINGS (*) TWI LIGHT	FRI., FEB. 23	22	27	21	11	6	PAUL BORAN DENISE ELLIOTT	W=202-767-2297 H=703-313-8441 W=202-404-3749 H=703-660-1069
WISP (*)	WED., FEB. 28	22	27	25	13	12	DAVID BOWMAN DENISE ELLIOTT	W=202-279-2261 H=703-660-1069 W=202-404-3749 H=703-660-1069
SEVEN SPRINGS (*)	SUN., MAR. 4	22	27	21	11	6	BRAD KUHN DON GUBSER	W=202-404-7429 H=703-971-8569 W=202-767-2926 H=703-978-0723
SNOWSHOE, WV	MARCH 4-7	\$365 PP/DBL OCC.					JOE MACKRELL MARCIA SHEPHERD	W=202-404-7607 H=703-768-8377 (H)=301-868-7538
TIMBERLINE	THUR., MAR. 8	22	27	16 22 FOR LIFT/LESSON/RENTAL	14	12	DAVE ROBERTS MIKE RUPAR	W=202-767-2629 H=703-455-6933 W=202-767-3155 H=703-329-0956
GRINDELWALD SWITZERLAND	MAR. 9 - 17	\$1195 pp/dbl occ.					BRAD KUHN	W=202-404-7429 H=703-971-8569
WILD CARD BEST SNOW	WED., MAR. 14	22	27				JOE MACKRELL MARCIA SHEPHERD	W=202-404-7607 H=703-768-8377 H=301-868-7538

BUS PICK UP TIMES : NAVAL RESEARCH LAB. (MAIN GATE) 5:00 AM SUNDAY'S = 6:00
 SPRINGFIELD COMMUTER PARKING LOT 5:15 AM SUNDAY'S = 6:15
 URBANA PARK AND RIDE 6:00 AM SUNDAY'S = 7:00

*** NOTE: ONLY TRIPS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK WILL HAVE STOPS AT URBANA PARK & RIDE**

SSSC HOTLINE =202-404-8376 (INFORMATION CALL DAVE ROBERTS , W= 202-767-2629, H= 703-455-6933) WEB SITE = [HTTP://amp.nrl.navy.mil/sssc](http://amp.nrl.navy.mil/sssc)
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SEVEN SPRINGS

Thursday
JANUARY 18, 2001



Cost:

Bus:	\$22.00	(\$27.00 Non-Member)
Lift:	\$21.00	
Rental:	\$11.00	
Lessons:	\$ 6.00	

Bus Loads at NRL's Main gate @ 4:45 AM
and leaves at 5:00AM.

Pickup at the Springfield commuter lot 5:15 AM

Pickup at the Urbana Park-n-Ride Lot 6:30AM

Contacts: Marcia Shepherd (301)868-7538
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SSSC Hotline: (202)404-8376
SSSC Web Site: <http://amp.nrl.navy.mil/sssc>

Cut-Off Date for Trip Applications: 3:00PM Tues Jan 16, 2001

Remember to sign up early. Signups after the cutoff date will be subject to a \$5 surcharge on the bus price. Latecomers will be accepted on a space available basis only. Payments can be left at the SSSC dropbox in the NRL Rec Club or with a trip leader.



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SKI LIBERTY CAR POOL

WEDNESDAY
7 FEBRUARY 2001



COST:

Lift:	\$26.00
Lift, Rental & Lesson:	\$51.00
Beginner Pkg. (Lift, Rental & Lesson)	\$41.00

Contacts: Jean Drew (703) 451-3806

Dick Hubbard (202) 767-2927 (W)
(703) 250-0566 (H)

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Snow Searchers Ski Club
Presents
BLUE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

February 2nd, 2001

Mountain Facts:

27 Trails

1082' vertical – highest in PA!

(More Info at www.skibluemt.com)

Meet:

Springfield Plaza Commuter Lot 0430

Or

At NRL Front Gate 0445

Return:

Bus Arrives NRL ~2130

Cost:

Bus.... \$25 (members) \$27 (nonmembers)

Lift Tickets.... \$19

Lessons.... \$12

Rentals.... \$15

Make Checks Payable to SSSC

Use the Drop-Off box at the Rec Club

Trip Leaders:

Joe MacKrell (202)-404-7607 or (703)-768-8377 eves

Dave Bowman (202)-279-2261 or (703)-660-1069 eves

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REMEMBER:

Check on the 1st after 2 pm for final trip status

And

CALL YOUR TRIP LEADERS!!



WINTERGREEN

Wednesday
7 FEBRUARY 2001



Cost:

Bus:	\$22.00	(\$27.00 Non-Member)
Lift:	\$27.00	(\$32.00 after cut-off)
Rental:	\$19.00	
	\$ 6.00	

Bus Loads at NRL's Main gate @ 4:45 AM and leaves at 5:00AM.

Pickup at the Springfield commuter lot 5:15 AM

Pickup at the Urbana Park-n-Ride Lot 6:30AM

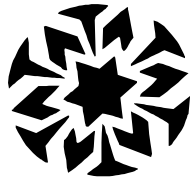
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denise@ssdd.nrl.navy.mil

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Cut-Off Date for Trip Applications: 3:00 PM Monday, Feb. 5, 2001

Remember to sign up early. Signups after the cutoff date will be subject to a \$5 surcharge on the bus price. Latecomers will be accepted on a space available basis only. Payments can be left at the SSSC dropbox in the NRL Rec Club or with a trip leader.



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SNOWSHOE, WV

4-7 MARCH 2001



\$365 PP/DBL. OCCUPANCY

**COME JOIN US FOR 4 GREAT DAYS IN WILD AND
WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA**

**Price includes 4 day lift tickets and 3 nights lodging in studio
units at Rimfire Lodge complete with kitchenette. Restaurant
and shopping in building, hearthroom w/fireplace, exercise
room, outdoor hot tubs and sauna.**

Contacts: Marcia Shepherd	(301)868-7538 marciashepherd@aol.com
Joe MacKrell	(202-) 404-7607 joe@ccsalph3.nrl.navy.mil
SSSC Hotline:	(202)404-8376
SSSC Web Site:	http://amp.nrl.navy.mil/sssc

Cut-Off Date : Feb. 4, 2001

Remember to sign up early. This is going to be a very popular trip. Latecomers will be accepted on a space available basis only. Payments can be left at the SSSC dropbox in the NRL Rec Club (notify the trip leader) or with a trip leader.



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NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: _____ DATE(S) _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

State Zip

PHONE: _____

Home

Work

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

BUS STOP: _____ NRL MAIN GATE
_____ SPRINGFIELD PLAZA COMUTER PARKING LOT
_____ URBANA PARK AND RIDE

Participants	Bus Fee Member	Bus Fee Non-Mem	Lift	Rentals	Lessons	Sub Total
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Cost _____

Emergency Contact (Name) _____

Emergency Phone Number _____

Skiing can be a hazardous activity. The Snow Searchers Ski Club, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its trip leaders will take all possible precautions to assure you, your family members, and your guests safe and enjoyable outings, including outings other than skiing. However, because of the numerous variable factors involved, the undersigned member, parent or guardian absolves the Snow Searchers Ski Club, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its trip leaders from any liability in the event of an accident or injury to the signee, any family members or any persons for whom the signee is a guardian, whose names are shown on this form. The signee must be 21 years of age or older.

Member Signature

Date

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SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Oct. 1, 2000 thru Sept. 30, 2001

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street

City *State* *Zip*

PHONE: _____

Home

Work

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ **BLDG/ROOM** _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$15)

Send My Mailings to:

____ NEW MEMBER ____ RENEWAL

____ EMAIL Addr

____ NRL Addr

____ REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

____ Home Addr

____ ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21. List names of family members below:

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15.00 PAYABLE TO SSSC AND MAIL TO:

MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5733.20 or

MIKE ASBERY 9010 BUTTONS DRIVE, CLINTON MD 20735

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Member Date

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